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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's careful study of the pending application and claims.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 12-18, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,568,723 to Murphy. In addition, the Examiner stated that Claims 2-11, 19, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the basic claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner further stated that Claims 22-30 are allowed.

In response, Applicant herein amends Claim 2 as an independent claim incorporating the recitation of Claim 1. Applicant further amends independent Claim 13 to incorporate the recitation of Claim 20. Claim 12 is amended to depend from Claim 2. Claim 19 is also amended to depend from Claim 13. Claims 1, 18, 20, and 21 are cancelled. In addition, the preamble of Claim 27 is amended to be consistent with other claims dependent from independent Claim 22.

Applicant further adds dependent Claims 31-34. Claim 31 adapts the recitation of allowed Claim 14 to amended Claim 2. Similarly, new Claims 32-34 adapt the recitations of allowed Claims 26-28 to amended Claim 2. Kindly enter these claims, which are based on allowed subject matter. Because four claims are cancelled herein, the four new claims should not incur any additional claim fees. If any additional fees are due, however, the Examiner is authorized to charge deposit account #50-0332.

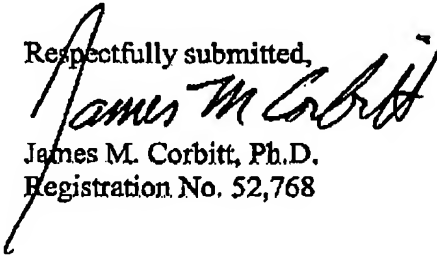
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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-17, 19, and 22-34 are in condition for immediate allowance and the same is respectfully requested.

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